Statement

1. Cyclophosphamide
2. Mercaptopurine
3. Melphalan
4. L-Asparaginase (Colaspase)
5. CCNU (Lomustine)
6. Ifosfamide
7. Tamoxifin Citrate
8. Flurouracil
9. Metomycin C
10. Busulphan
11. Chlorambucil
12. Methotrexate
13. Cyclophosphamide Triturate
14. Trofosfamide
15. Azathioprine
16. Bleomycin

Cost study of drugs by BICP

1647. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs for which BICP did cost study during the last three years, year-wise and from 1st January, 1991 to 30th June, 1991;

(b) what are the names of drugs for which Government have received the recommendations and when each recommendation was received;

(c) what was the price recommended and fixed for each;

(d) whether it is a fact that certain recommendations are still pending with Government; and

(e) if so, names of those drugs and since when each is pending and by when the prices would be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Government has received several reports from BICP in connection with cost-cum-technical studies of bulk drugs and the prices of the bulk drugs concerned have been fixed after examination of the reports of BICP which are notified in the Extraordinary Gazette of India. In regard to other details asked for, the information is too voluminous and the time and efforts required for compiling the information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Import and production of drugs

1648. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drugs which are being produced indigenously and also being imported in the country;

(b) what are the names of producers and the production of each drug during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what are the names of drugs which are under price control and what is the price fixed for each per unit and when was the price fixed;

(d) what is the production level at which price was fixed; and

(e) what was the import of each of these drugs during the last two years, year-wise, quantity-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, drugs which have a strong indigenous angle are shifted to the Limited Permissible List or the Restricted List of the EXIM Policy, depending on the extent of their sensitivity in this regard, and their import is beng regulated according to the existing levels of indigenous production and demand for these drugs.

(b) to (e) The information in this regard is very extensive and the time and effort required to compile it will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Production of Dexamethasone and its salts

1649. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dexamethasone and its salts are being produced in the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of producers and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the import price of bulk drug is much less than the foreign exchange spent in the production of drug;

(d) if so, what is the current CIF Value per gram of Dexamethasone and its salts and what is the value of foreign exchange involved in the production of each gram; and

(e) when and what was the price fixed for nidigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the organised sector, Dexamethasone is being produced by M/s. Merind and M/s. Cadila Labs. and the production during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 228 Kgs., 343 Kgs., and 472 Kgs respectively.

(c) and (d) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) The price fixed for Dexamethasone pure is Rs. 92 per gram and for Dexamethasone Sodium, Rs. 97 per gram w.e.f. 10-11-1989 for the indigenous production.

Findings of the Kelkar Committee

1650. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of omissions and commissions were found in the findings of the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such omissions and commissions have been identified so far; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to fix such responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A large number of representations for inclusion/exclusion of drugs from price control have been received mostly from Members of Parliament after the announcement of list of price controlled drugs based on Government decisions on the Kelkar Committee recommendations. These are under examination of the Government.

Prices of five bulk drugs of M/s. Hoechst

1651. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: CHODWHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of five bulk drugs of M/s. Hoechst as fixed by Government under DPCO, 1979 and what were the prices charged for these drugs by virtue of High Court Stay;

(b) whether it is a fact that recoverable amount of over Rs. 100 crores was reduced to merely Rupees three crores;

(c) whether Govenrment have taken any steps to investigate the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?